

[CHAPTER 232]

AN ACT

To amend sections 4613 and 4614 of the Revised Statutes of the United States to include captures of aircraft as prizes of war.

June 24, 1941
[S. 992]

[Public Law 127]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 4613 and 4614 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (U. S. C., title 34, secs. 1131 and 1132) be amended to read, respectively, as follows:

Revised Statutes,
sections amended.

Captures of vessels
made as prize.

Provided,
Terms defined.

Captures by Army.

"Sec. 4613. The provisions of this title (title LIV) shall apply to all captures of vessels, including aircraft, made as prize by authority of the United States or adopted and ratified by the President of the United States: *Provided*, That the terms 'vessel' and 'ship' as used in this title (title LIV) shall include aircraft, and that the term 'master' as used in this title (title LIV) shall include the pilot or other person in command of such aircraft: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting, or in any way impairing, the legal right of the Army of the United States or any component part thereof, while engaged in hostilities, to capture any enemy property or neutral property used or transported in violation of the obligations of neutrals under international law, wherever found, and without prize procedure.

"Sec. 4614. The term 'vessels of the Navy' as used in this title (title LIV) shall include all armed vessels, including aircraft, officered and manned by the United States and under the control of the Department of the Navy."

"Vessels of the
Navy" defined.

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[CHAPTER 233]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of April 15, 1935, as amended (49 Stat. 156; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 34, sec. 842), and for other purposes.

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[Public Law 128]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act approved April 15, 1935, as amended (49 Stat. 156; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 34, sec. 842), is hereby amended to read as follows: "That the grade of aviation cadet is hereby created in the Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve. Aviation cadets shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy from male citizens of the United States under such regulations as he may prescribe: *Provided*, That each aviation cadet shall sign an agreement, with the consent of his parent or guardian if he be a minor, to serve for a continuous period of not more than four years on active duty, unless sooner released: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to discharge at any time any aviation cadet or to release him from active duty.

Naval Reserve and
Marine Corps Re-
serve.
34 U. S. C. § 842.
Aviation cadet
grade created.

Provided,
Service agreement.

Discharge or re-
lease.

SEC. 2. The first proviso of section 5 of the Naval Reserve Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1176; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 34, sec. 853c), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: "*Provided*, That aviation cadets and officers commissioned pursuant to authority contained in the Naval Aviation Reserve Act of 1939 may be required to serve on active duty for a continuous period of four years or for such periods as they agree to serve under the provisions of section 1 of the Act approved April 15, 1935, as amended (49 Stat. 156; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 34, sec. 842), from date of appointment as aviation cadet."

34 U. S. C. § 853c.

Aviation cadets and
commissioned officers,
active duty.

53 Stat. 819.
34 U. S. C. §§ 842,
844, 849-850, 853c.

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